

Grand Paris Sud: (un)linked with the world?

The territory's international characteristics in 25 data figures.



First results of the International profile
on Grand Paris Sud - June 2019

"Globality is this state of being in the presence of cultures, lived through respect towards the Diverse."

Édouard Glissant, Martinican Poet (1928-2011)

international

Knowing one's globality to leverage the relevant actions

A resource to be exploited?

GRAND PARIS SUD is a place where cultures are grounded and intermingled. These differences in culture and understanding of the local world can provoke tensions and require restrictive measures.

However, by looking at these differences as a state of diversity, rich in unique methods and experiences, it is instead the social, economic and cultural innovation that comes to the fore.

The agglomeration community can facilitate exchange and encourage the confrontation of ideas and practices that lead to progress. It becomes a space for education about the world through the connections it proposes, initiates or stimulates.

The aim of the **Characterization Study of GRAND PARIS SUD's International Profile** is to enable the agglomeration to understand the internationalization of its territory; it being multidimensional and having multi-stakeholders, in order to define a specific public policy.

On a European and international scale, the development of openness to the world is a long-standing concept (OpenCities program), whereas in France, these questions have only recently emerged at a metropolis level (Lille, Grenoble). The data from this exploratory study may therefore seem very fragmented, yet it already shows a strong globality of GRAND PARIS SUD. Databases were consulted, questionnaires were distributed and many people were interviewed.

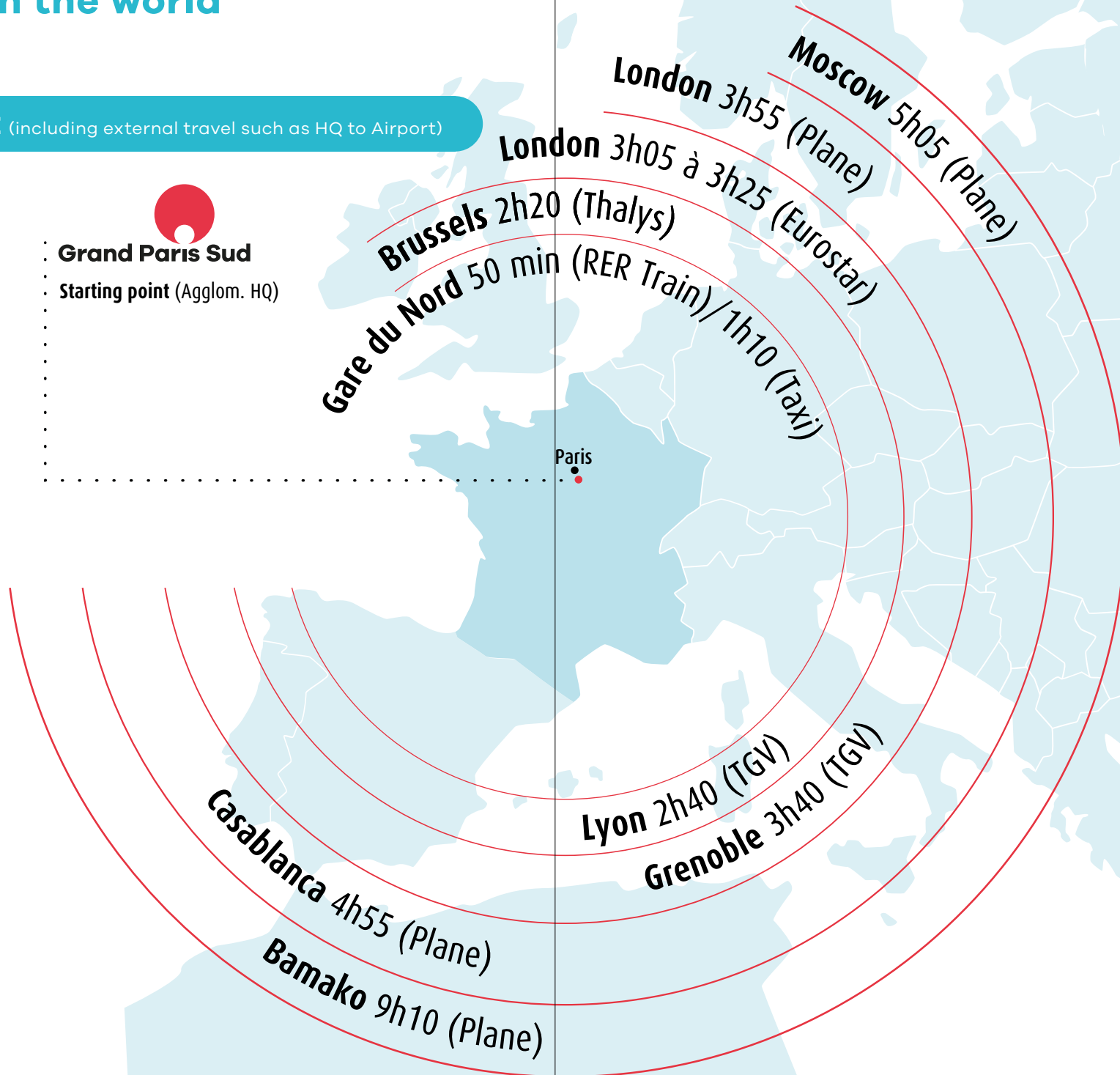
The transversality of the subject studied, which called upon various directions and departments, is a source of innovation while reinforcing the collective aspect. The agents of local governance must understand these relationships and trends in order to take advantage of them (attractiveness, social innovation...) and to protect the local population (fostering peace, openness to others...). This opens up a range of possibilities as well as inquiries for renewing GRAND PARIS SUD's international strategy.

This process of innovation and invention of concepts was supported and co-financed by the F3E (www.f3e.asso.fr).

A place in the world

IN REAL TIME (including external travel such as HQ to Airport)


Grand Paris Sud
Starting point (Agglom. HQ)

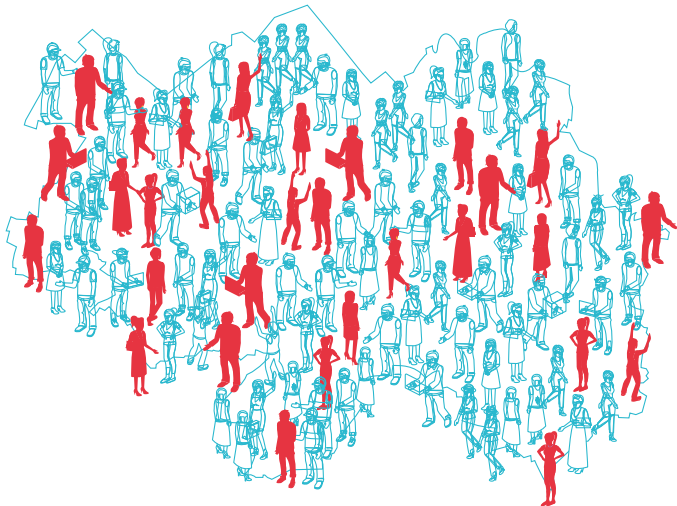


The population of Grand Paris Sud

THE TERRITORY'S INHABITANTS

Figure 1

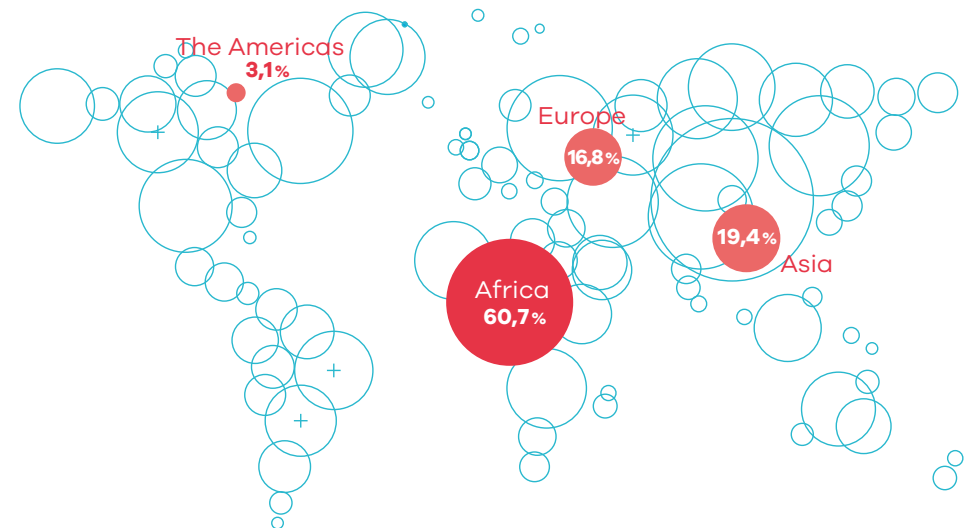
- **29%** of the territory's inhabitants have an *international background*



Figures 2 & 3

- **100 000** people have a direct individual link to one of **165** different countries through either their country of birth or their nationality

Geographical distribution of countries of birth



Foreign and immigrant populations are not the same:

- **An immigrant** is a person born abroad that resides in France. Some immigrants became French while others remained foreigners.
- **A foreigner** is a person who resides in France but does not have French nationality.

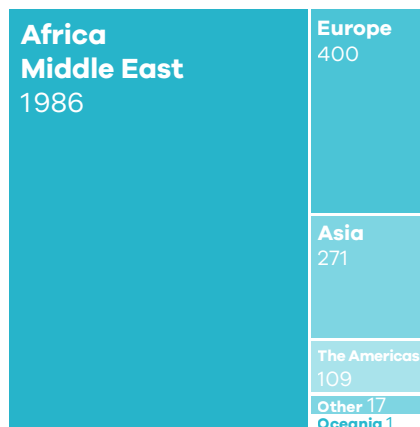
A foreigner is not necessarily an immigrant; he or she may have been born in France (happens especially with minors).

THE STUDENTS

Figures 4,5 & 6

- **2800** foreign students of **101** different nationalities are welcomed by higher education institutions in Grand Paris Sud, representing **18%** of registered students.

Students' national background by continent



Figures 7 & 8

In the University of Évry Val-d'Essonne, **45%** of students finishing their Master's degree or PhD are foreigners. Out of the foreign students in the second year of their Master's degree, **86%** come from Africa.

Source: Statistics by Agence du Monde Commun from data given by the higher education institutions

THE AGGLOMERATION'S AGENTS

Figures 9 & 10

- **310** agents say they are "able to converse in a language other than French" in nearly **40** languages.

Figure 11

- **49** of them report speaking **3** or more languages.

Source: Survey conducted with 1314 agents of the AC GRAND PARIS SUD on January 2019 - 29.9% response rate

Figure 12

- **20** foreign agents from **16 different countries** (Algeria, Ivory Coast, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, Lithuania, Mali, Morocco, Netherlands, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Ukraine).

Source: Data from AC GRAND PARIS SUD



The ties between the territory's actors and the world

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Figure 13

- **14** higher education and research institutions: a significant pool of partnerships (double degrees, research agreements between laboratories or even faculty teacher exchanges...)

For example:

- ICAM (graduate engineering school) that boasts 3 foreign campuses, 2 in Central Africa and 1 in India
- ENSIIE (National School of Computer Science for Industry and Business) boasting 53 agreements over 5 continents
- The University of Évry Val-d'Essonne which boasts ties with over 50 universities in 20 different countries



LANGUAGES IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Figure 14

- **6** Languages taught

3 middle schools > Portuguese/Chinese as a 2nd language

4 high schools > Portuguese/Italian/
Chinese as a 2nd or 3rd language

1 in 2 middle schools boast 1 or more double language
program from start to finish in English, German or Spanish

6 high schools > European class in English, German
or Spanish (no Asian languages however)

Source: Région Île-de France, <https://internationaleducation.parisregion.eu>

chinese

english

german

italian

portuguese

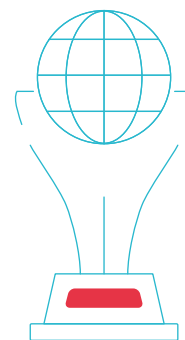
spanish

Disclaimer: These international ties are barely documented in the administrations; the exploratory work carried out during this first study makes it possible to present some general facts albeit without many statistics, due to the lack of exhaustive procedures for information gathering and a lack of formalization of the necessary information.

CLUBS AND HIGH PERFORMANCE SPORT

The territory hosts several international events:

- Out of 6 tournaments in France approved by the International Gymnastics Federation, 2 are held in GRAND PARIS SUD's area.
- *Yoshida Challenge*, a baseball tournament organized every 2 years with national teams competing.
- The *Culs Gelés* rowing regatta (25km) in January with the presence of Belgian, Swiss, Italian teams and more.
- International yearly training course *Évry Move* (Art of Movement, Parkour and FreeRun) with nearly 60 participants from all over the world.
- The Football Competition *Frédéric Vial International Tournament*.



International club competitions

2 team sports clubs travel to Europe to compete in the Champions League of their sport (which takes place yearly in a different country):

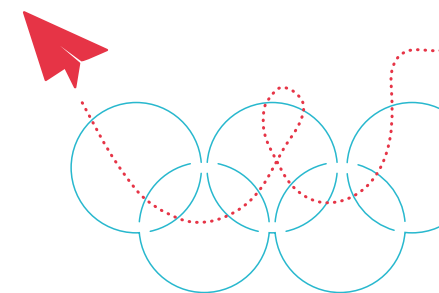
- Baseball: the *Templiers de Sénart* who take part in the qualification every year for the European Cup
- Women's roller-hockey: the *Phénix* team who play the qualifications every year for the Champions League

For individual sports, several athletes (gymnastics, karate, athletics, boxing, tennis, climbing, artistic swimming and Paralympic table tennis) compete around the world for European Cups, World Cups, European Championships, World Championships and so on.

Figure 15

At least **10%** of the territory's sports clubs travel internationally 2 to 3 times a year.

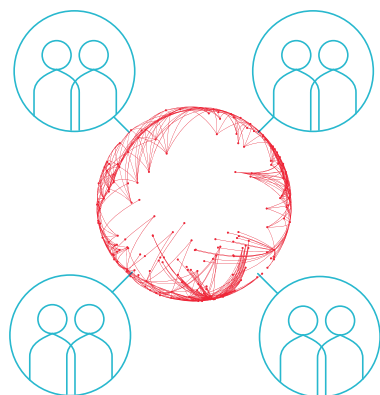
Source: Survey conducted by the AC GRAND PARIS SUD with 300 clubs; 13% return rate



THE WORLD OF ASSOCIATIONS

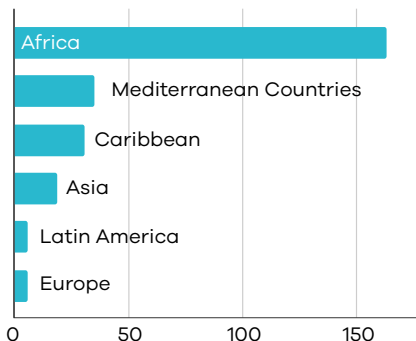
Figures 16 à 19

- **22,8%** of new associations created per year are related to international affairs, meaning around **700 to 1200** internationally focused associations, which in turn involves **10 to 15,000** people and moves around almost three million euros (**€3M**).



Out of 1642 associations created in 10 years whose headquarters are in GRAND PARIS SUD, 374 are new associations for international solidarity, for helping foreigners in France or for intercultural meetings and exchanges.

Associations with international ties



Source: Analysis of the Journal Officiel des Associations done by Agence du Monde Commun

Involvement from Public Authorities

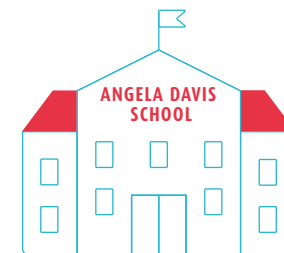
THE INTERNATIONAL ASPECT IN ONE'S PATRIMONY

Figure 20

Numerous locations prove that the world's History took place either in GRAND PARIS SUD's territory or with its people. The agglomeration community cites numerous institutions through which it presents History and the world:

Out of **268** public institutions studied, **16** have a name with ties to a foreigner or to a world-renowned reference.

Source: AC GRAND PARIS SUD, compiled by Agence du Monde Commun



DIVERSITY IN CULTURE

Figure 21

- **20%** of all cultural events have ties to the rest of the world (artist's background, the themes...)

Source: National Theatre of Essonne Agora - Desnos, Theatre of Corbeil-Essonnes, National Theatre Théâtre-Sénart, Scène du Monde Espace Prévert, The Silo, The Plan, The Arènes de l'Agora, The Empreinte.



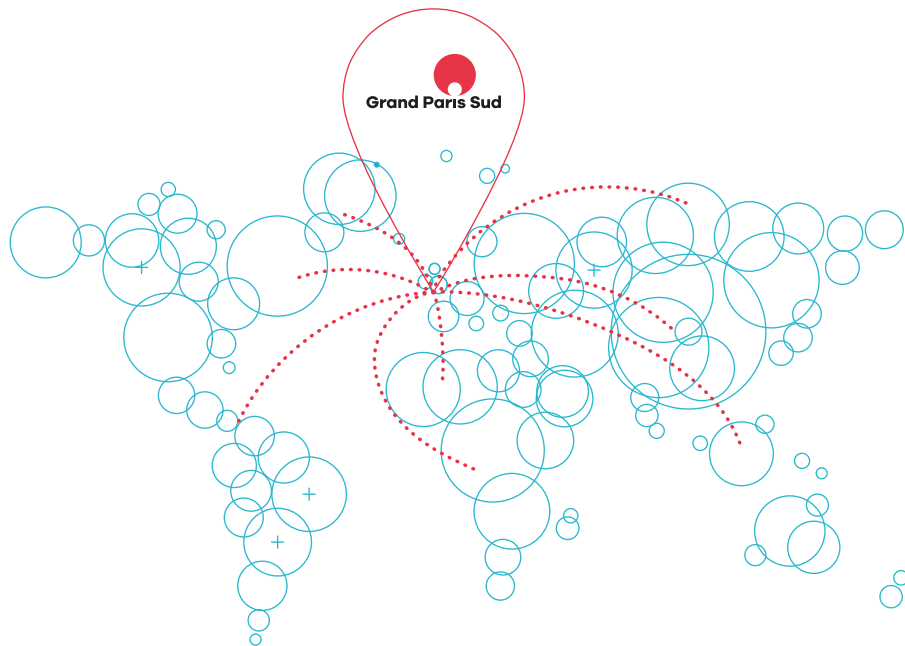
Events with ties to the world:

- Intercultural and artisanal meetings Mali, Senegal, Mauritania, France
- The Wall Street Art Festival: 25 artists France, Brazil, Portugal, Mexico, England, Germany, Australia, Japan, USA/Argentina, Italy

GRAND PARIS SUD'S INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITY...

Figure 22

- **40** official ties with foreign agglomerations (twinning, cooperations...)



A commitment from GRAND PARIS SUD towards 3 European Agglomeration networks and 5 national associations that are invested in international issues.

- Energy Cities
- EUROCITIES Network
- WWF
- Association to promote the International Development of French Eco-companies (PEXE)
- AMORCE
- International Association of French-speaking Mayors (AIMF)
- F3E
- PS-Eau: Water Solidarity Program

...AND THAT OF ITS CITIES

Figure 23

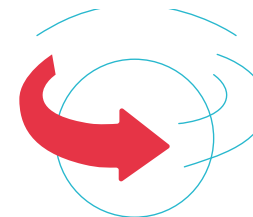
International delegations of the AC GRAND PARIS SUD (visited and welcomed) from 2016 to today:

14 missions in 12 countries (Mali, Senegal, Mauritania, England, Italy, Germany, Spain, Ivory Coast, Sweden, Netherlands, Scotland, USA)

- **45** in-person visits

- 5 agents from the Department of European International Relations and Globality (DREIM)
- 19 other agents of the AC GRAND PARIS SUD from 6 different departments out of the 26 present in GRAND PARIS SUD
- 4 elected officials
- 6 external actors (not belonging to the agglomeration community)
- This represents 124 man-days for the territory's staff

Figure 24



25 days a year for all the agents excluding the DREIM or **0,009%** of all of GRAND PARIS SUD'S work hours.

Figure 25

- **7** delegations were welcomed by GRAND PARIS SUD between December 2016 and December 2018, including from Mali, Senegal, Mauritania, Cuba, United-Kingdom, Italy, Netherlands and Denmark.

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